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REPORT

TOPIC Occupation of the Wittenberg Post

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11 November 1954

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. Between 15 and 19 October 1954, the units from the Wittenberg post returned from the summer camp to the Flak Kaserne (3584) and the Arado installation (3584) rail shipment of 21 T-34 tanks, 17 trucks [redacted] boxcarloads of ammunition arrived from Jueterbog at about [redacted] October. A short time later, the shipment was followed by a second train with Soviet families and billeting equipment which came from Jueterbog and were shipped to the Arado installation. Another train from Jueterbog arrived in Wittenberg at about 2100. Seventeen T-34 tanks and 15 boxcarloads of ammunition were unloaded and left for the Flak Kaserne. 25X1
2. On 17 October, tank and vehicle columns continually arrived by road in Wittenberg throughout the day. The columns came from the north and the northwest. A total of at [redacted] particularly T-34/85 tanks, JS-3 [redacted]. The vehicles [redacted] reportedly in the woods in the [redacted] -Straach-Zemnick, north of Wittenberg. [redacted] the columns had been stationed in the vicinity of Wiesenburg for about 1 week.¹ 25X1
3. The tanks observed included a new type of tank which had tracks and suspensions similar to a JS-3 tank, and a turtle-shaped turret with an almost pointed front section. The tank was considerably lower than a JS-3 tank and its gun had a caliber of 122 mm. The new tanks were distributed among the units.² 25X1
4. While the units returned to the installations, groups of 20 to 30 recruits were seen in the [redacted] hectares [redacted] 25X1
5. An area of approximately [redacted] on the right side of the east road adjoining the tank training [redacted] northeast of Wittenberg, was confiscated. 25X1
6. At 0530 on 19 October a shipment of 20 JS-2 tanks [redacted] 6 trucks and 7 boxcars with personnel was seen at the Wittenberg railroad station.¹ 25X1

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1. Comment. [redacted] return shipments of the 6th Gds Tank Div from the Werder-Markendorf summer camp near Jueterbog between 13 and 19 October. [redacted]
the major elements of the division which returned to Wittenberg on 17 October came from exercises in the Belzig-Wiesenburg area north of Wittenberg appears possible.

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2. Comment. The new type of tank is reported for the first time. If the tanks had a T-34 chassis, they might have been T-54 tanks.

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3. Comment. The observation of recruits indicates that the personnel exchange of the 6th Gds Tank Div was under way.

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